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1. FEAR REFTTEL B ARRIVED TOO LATE TO PREVENT ME FROM MENTIONING CASUALLY TO TUENI THAT I UNDERSTOOD SECRETARIAT WAS STILL THINKING ABOUT POSSIBILITY OF A SPECIAL REP. HERE. TUENI SAID HE UNDERSTOOD THIS WAS MY IDEA TO WHICH I REPLIED MY IDEA HAD BEEN TO HAVE A POLITICAL ADVISOR, NOT A SPECIAL REP. WE THEN GOT OFF ON TO THE ATTRIBUTES OF THE VARIOUS UN PERSONNEL NOW HERE AND DID NOT DISCUSS ANY NEW CANDIDATES. I DID NOT INDICATE DIRECTION IN WHICH SECRETARIAT THINKING. BELIEVE CONVERSATION WAS LOW ENOUGH KEY SO THAT TUENI WILL NOT ATTACH TOO MUCH SIGNIFICANCE TO IT AND, THEREFORE, AM NOT GOING TO CALL HIM AND TELL HIM NOT TO USE IT, WHICH WOULD IMMEDIATELY EXCITE HIS INTEREST.

2. AS DEPARTMENT WILL RECALL, BOUTROS DISPLAYED CONSIDERABLE UNEASINESS WHEN IDEA OF SPECIAL REP. SURFACED LAST SPRING. IDEA IS SUPERFICIALLY ATTRACTIVE, BUT FULL OF PITFALLS, NOT LEAST
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OF WHICH IS THE PROTOCOL AND ORGANIZATIONAL PROBLEMS THAT WOULD BE POSED BY SENDING SOMEONE OF COUVE'S STATURE HERE.

3. SUGGEST THAT IF UN IS SERIOUS ABOUT IDEA, THEY SHOULD EXPLORE IT VERY CAREFULLY WITH GOL BEFORE COMMITTING THEMSELVES.
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